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Identical letters dated 19 July 2012 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I write in regard to another horrific terrorist attack perpetrated by the Iranian Al Quds forces and Hezbollah, as part of a gruesome campaign targeting Israelis and Jews around the world.

Yesterday, a suicide bomber detonated an explosive device on a bus carrying Israeli tourists at Burgas airport in Bulgaria. The passengers included many women, children, and the elderly. Six people — five Israelis and one Bulgarian — were murdered in this horrific terror attack. Thirty-five others were injured, including foreign nationals. Three remain in critical condition.

This attack comes 18 years to the day after the deadly bombing of the AMIA Jewish Community Centre in Buenos Aires, Argentina, which claimed the lives of 85 people. This act of terrorism was also perpetrated by Iran and Hezbollah.

A clear line of terror runs from Argentina to Bulgaria, which begins and ends in Iran.

During the past 14 months, the Iranian Al Quds forces and Hezbollah have attempted to carry out no less than nine terrorist attacks against Israeli targets. These attacks were orchestrated under the command of the Iranian Ministry of Intelligence and Security.

I would like to draw your attention to some details regarding this wave of attacks.

- In May 2011, the Turkish police uncovered a plot to assassinate the Israeli Consul General in Istanbul. They arrested four Lebanese citizens, who confessed to being members of Hezbollah who had been dispatched to perpetrate this attack.
- On 12 January 2012, Thai police arrested a Hezbollah operative of Lebanese origin holding a Swedish passport. He confessed to the authorities that he was sent by Hezbollah to attack Israeli targets, leading them to a cache of explosives for this purpose.
- In January 2012, local police in Azerbaijan foiled a plot to attack the Israeli Ambassador in Baku and a local Jewish centre. Several Iranian citizens were arrested who admitted that the Iranian Revolutionary Guards had dispatched them to carry out an attack against the Israeli Embassy in Baku. The following

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month, Azeri police forces arrested more than 22 others suspected of building a terror network in the country.

- On 13 February 2012, in New Delhi, India, a terrorist attached an explosive device to the vehicle of Israeli diplomat Tali Yehoshua-Koren, who was on her way to pick up her children from school. Ms. Yehoshua-Koren was injured in this attack as well as an Indian citizen. The suspect arrested by Indian police was an Iranian citizen, who admitted to belonging to the Al Quds force. An international arrest warrant was issued by INTERPOL for additional suspects in this attack.
- On the same day — 13 February 2012 — a similar explosive device with identical explosive material was attached to the car of the Israeli Ambassador in Tbilisi, Georgia. Fortunately, the device did not explode.
- On 14 February 2012, two Iranian men belonging to the Al Quds force were arrested in Bangkok with explosives. They led local police to another cache of explosives, which they admitted were intended to attack Israeli targets. An additional suspect was consequently arrested in Malaysia.
- In June 2012, the Kenyan police arrested two Iranian nationals who confessed to belonging to the Al Quds force. They led the police to their explosives, admitting that they planned to attack Israeli and other Western targets.
- Only several days ago — on 6 July 2012 — police in Cyprus arrested a Lebanese national who admitted that he was sent by Hezbollah to attack Israeli tourist destinations in the country.

I would like to highlight that the explosives specified in the attacks and attempted attacks in New Delhi, Tbilisi, Bangkok and Istanbul were of the same type.

Iran — a State Member of the United Nations — continues to stand out as the world's premiere sponsor of terror. Yesterday's attack in Bulgaria is yet another chilling reminder that Iran and its proxy Hezbollah are determined to carry out a global terrorist campaign, placing the lives of innocent people at risk and threatening international peace and security.

The world should speak with one voice against this barbaric attack in Bulgaria, targeting families, parents and children on their summer vacation — and bring an immediate halt to Iran's campaign of terror.

The people and Government of Israel are strong. We will continue to act forcefully against the terrorists who threaten our citizens all over the world.

Israel expresses its deep gratitude to the Bulgarian authorities for managing the medical assistance to the victims of this attack — which saved lives — and for their cooperation and assistance in the ongoing investigation.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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